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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7274**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1869

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 24, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 20, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Sickie Cell Anemia Grant Program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the State Department of Health to contract with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to establish sickle cell anemia programs.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill would require the State Department of Health to contract with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to establish sickle cell anemia programs. The level of funding for the Sickie Cell Program in FY 2001 is \$529,112. The Sickie Cell Grants are included in the state appropriations for the Chronic Disease Program and the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program. The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program is also funded by a local property tax levy.

*Background:* The State Department of Health Sickie Cell program, based in the Office of Minority Health, consists of a network of five community-based sickle cell projects throughout the central and northern part of the state. Two of these organizations, Martin Center and Marion County Health Department Sickie Cell program, are located in Indianapolis. Martin Center also provides services to the southern part of the state. Northwest Indiana Sickie Cell Foundation, Inc., is located in Gary; Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc., is in Fort Wayne; and Memorial Health System, Inc., serves the South Bend area. These regionally based sickle cell projects provide free services, which include sickle cell screening, diagnosis, counseling, educational programs, support groups, and sickle cell newborn screening follow-up. In addition, the program also provides funding for the IU School of Medicine Hematology/ Oncology Department for the development and implementation of continuing medical education course, consultation services, and educational materials for physicians and other health care professionals providing medical services for children and adults with sickle cell disease. Funding is distributed as shown in the table below.

<b>Sickle Cell Funding FY 2001</b>			
<b>Sickle Cell Project</b>	<b>Chronic Disease Program Funds</b>	<b>Children with Special Health Care Needs</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
Martin Center	\$ 82,560	\$ 33,474	\$ 116,034
Marion County Health Dept.		\$ 118,458	\$ 118,458
Northwest Sickle Cell Foundation		\$ 95,461	\$ 95,461
Neighborhood Health Clinics		\$ 82,798	\$ 82,798
North Central IN Sickle Cell Initiative		\$ 92,561	\$ 92,561
IN Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center Sickle Cell Disease Education & Practitioner Assistance		\$ 23,800	\$ 23,800
<b>Total</b>	\$ 82,560	\$ 446,552	\$ 529,112

In 1985, the legislature mandated universal newborn screening for hemoglobinopathies of which, sickle cell disease is one type. In order to reduce sickle cell disease morbidity and mortality, the Department of Health Sickle Cell program facilitates newborn screening follow-up, comprehensive healthcare services, and timely utilization of penicillin prophylaxis. The Department of Health also provides free penicillin (or erythromycin) to requesting physicians for their pediatric patients diagnosed with Sickle Cell disease. The Department also maintains a confidential registry of all newborns screened for sickle cell disease.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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